

**In the Claims:**

Kindly cancel claims 1 through 46 without prejudice.

**Kindly add the following additional claims:**

47. (New) A method of forming lacrosse head comprising:  
injection molding an integral frame element, including a base portion, a scoop portion opposite said base portion, a socket portion for receiving a lacrosse stick, and a pair of opposing sidewalls extending between said base portion and said scoop portion;  
and

overmolding a non-skid surface onto at least a portion of said frame element to provide friction to a lacrosse ball that contacts said non-skid surface.

48. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said non-skid surface is formed on said scoop of said frame element.

49. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising:  
overmolding a non-skid surface including a plurality of structures that protrude with respect to said portion of said frame element.

50. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein said plurality of structures are a plurality of generally circular nubs.

51. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said non-skid surface is formed on each of said pair of opposing sidewalls of said frame element.

52. (New) A lacrosse head comprising:  
a frame element, including a base portion, a scoop portion opposite said base portion; a socket portion for receiving a lacrosse stick, and a pair of opposing sidewalls extending between said base portion and said scoop portion;  
a non-skid surface integrally formed on at least one portion of said frame element for eliminating spin between said non-skid surface and a lacrosse ball.

53. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 52, wherein said non-skid surface is located on said scoop portion.

54. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 52, wherein said non-skid surface is located on said base portion.

55. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 52, wherein said non-skid surface is located on at least one of said pair of opposing sidewalls.

56. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 55, wherein each of said pair of opposing sidewalls includes a non-skid surface.

57. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 52, wherein said non-skid surface is formed on said base and each of said pair of opposing sidewalls.

58. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 52, wherein said non-skid surface consists of a separate coating that is applied to said frame element.

59. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 52, wherein said non-skid surface is applied to said frame element through an overmolding process.

60. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 52, wherein said non-skid surface includes a plurality of surface structures formed therein for decreasing spin between said plurality of structures and said lacrosse ball.

61. (New) A lacrosse head comprising:

a frame element, including a base portion, a scoop portion opposite said base portion; a socket portion for receiving a lacrosse stick, and a pair of opposing sidewalls extending between said base portion and said scoop portion;

a non-skid surface having a plurality of raised structures disposed on at least one portion of said frame element for eliminating spin between said non-skid surface and a lacrosse ball.

62. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 61, wherein said non-skid surface is integrally formed on said frame element.

63. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 61, wherein said non-skid surface is located on said scoop portion.

64. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 61, wherein each of said pair of opposing sidewalls includes a non-skid surface.

65. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 61, wherein said non-skid surface consists of a separate coating that is applied to said frame element.

66. (New) The lacrosse head of claim 61, wherein said non-skid surface is applied to said frame element through an overmolding process.

67. (New) A method of forming a plastic lacrosse head comprising:  
injection molding an frame element, including a base portion, a scoop portion opposite said base portion, a socket portion for receiving a lacrosse stick, and a pair of opposing sidewalls extending between said base portion and said scoop portion; and  
forming a non-skid surface onto at least a portion of said frame element to provide friction to a lacrosse ball that contacts said non-skid surface.

68. (New) The method of claim 67, wherein said non-skid surface is formed on said scoop of said frame element.

69. (New) The method of claim 67, wherein said non-skid surface is formed on said frame element through an overmolding process.

70. (New) The method of claim 67, wherein said step of forming includes forming a non-skid surface having a plurality of structures that protrude with respect to said portion of said frame element.

71. (New) The method of claim 70, wherein said plurality of structures are a plurality of generally circular nubs.

72. (New) The method of claim 67, wherein said non-skid surface is formed on each of said pair of opposing sidewalls of said frame element.

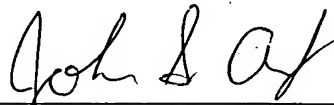
It is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections of record have been overcome and that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0476, in the name of John A. Artz, P.C.

If the Examiner should have any questions, he is urged to contact the undersigned at 248-223-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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